Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Ministry of Health and Farmily Welfare has already issued a notification inviting comments from public to amend the standards of Packaged Drinking Water and Natural Mineral Water under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act Rules, 1955.

Sale of subsidised food commodities in open market in Sikkim

1593. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the CBI has investigated the case of sale of subsidized food commodities in open market provided to Sikkim by the FCI;

(b) whether it is a fact that six State Governments employees of the Food and Civil Supplies Department are also involved;

(c) if so, what action has been taken to prosecute them in the court of law by the CBI; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the involved officials of the FCI only are facing trial in a court in Sikkim and the involved State Government employees in the same racket are moving freely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. CBI has investigated the case of sale of subsidized food commodities in open market provided to Sikkim by the FCI and registered a case (R.C. No. 23/98) in this matter. In the investigation, complicity of five FCI employees and six employees of Food and Civil Supply Department of State Govt. of Sikkim has been, *prima-facie*, established. All the eleven accused were arrested for offences under P.C. Act 1988.

Food Policy

1594. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government's Food Policy gets a reality check from